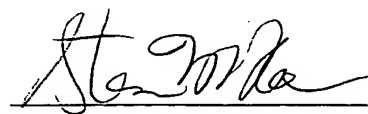


**REMARKS**

Claims 3-12 are amended to eliminate multiple claims dependencies. Please enter the Preliminary Amendment prior to calculating the filing fee. Examination of the amended application respectfully is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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